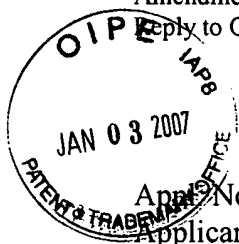


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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

The above-identified Applicants respectfully request a two month extension of time within which to file a response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2006.

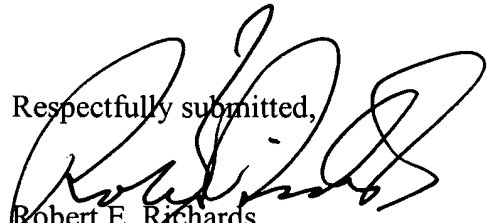
A Credit Card Authorization Form authorizing the Commissioner to charge \$450 for the required fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other deficiency associated with this Amendment and Response to Office Action, to Deposit Account 11-0980.

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